

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Madam Speaker, we have really got to hand it to this administration. This is the first administration in history that has combined distinguishing characteristics and no controlling legal authority into a legal defense that the media are actually taking seriously, and then spends half the day talking about their legacy. Somehow, I think the legacy that they are likely to leave is not going to be the same legacy they have in mind.

Let us face it, when key witnesses keep turning up either dead, unwilling to testify, or hiding out in foreign countries, I do not think this is simply a question of partisan politics, despite the view repeated endlessly on ABC, NBC, and CBS that investigations into the 1996 Presidential campaign are much ado about nothing.

If there is nothing to hide, then I ask my fair-minded friends at ABC, NBC, and CBS, why are over 50 witnesses with critical information, why have they either fled the country or taken the fifth? The only scandal bigger than the Clinton-Gore campaign is the way the media have covered it since all these outrageous campaign finance violations have come to light. This, too, will be part of the legacy.

CONGRESS MUST MAINTAIN ITS INTEGRITY UP TO THE END OF THE SESSION

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Madam Speaker, as we bring this session of our responsibilities to the American people during this time of legislative activity to an end, I would ask this Congress to maintain its integrity.

There is a great deal of debate about legislation that is to be voted on and discussed this day, but I think that our Republican friends and certainly Democrats should understand that there are certain issues that need to be maintained separately from these discussions.

There is no doubt that sampling in the taking of the census in the year 2000 has been documented as the most accurate way of counting every human being. The homeless, people who are unhoused, poor people, rich people, black people, Hispanic people, Anglo people, Asian people, anyone in this country needs to be counted in this Nation. So let us not play with the census.

Let us not play with the basic rights of women across the world to family plan and preserve their families.

Let us not play with the Haitians, who are the only group who are not being allowed to stay in this country to apply for their citizenship.

Maintain the integrity of this Congress, and allow these issues to go forward on their own merits. The census must have sampling, family planning

must exist, and leave the Haitians alone so they, too, have the rights of everybody else.

EDUCATION WOULD CHANGE IF WE HAD SCHOOL CHOICE

(Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, there are schools in America that turn out more criminals than young people that will go out to attend college. Would Members like a choice if their child was attending that school? I believe they would.

Madam Speaker, wealthy Americans and many Congressmen and Senators make choices every day, and our President and Vice President, they send their child to the school of their choice. Many middle-class Americans choose where they live so their children can attend a school that they know is a good school. But what about poor Americans who are stuck in a bad neighborhood with a bad school?

Eighty percent of the schools in America are good and delivering a good product. Recently we had a bill that would allow choice for the poorest of Americans. What are the Democrats in the educational establishment afraid of, that it might work? We would have a chance to change education, and education would change, if we had choice. Bad schools would close, and the children would have a chance to go to a good school.

CALLING FOR BALANCED TRADE AGREEMENTS WHICH CONTAIN PROTECTIONS FOR WORKERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT

(Mr. NADLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NADLER. Madam Speaker, since NAFTA we have converted a \$2 billion trade surplus with Mexico to a \$20 billion trade deficit. In 65 percent of union organizing elections, employers have threatened to move to Mexico or to another foreign country if workers have chosen the advantages of collective bargaining.

Working people have gotten almost none of the benefits of our expanding economy, as real wages for the middle class have remained static and, for lower-income workers, have actually declined. NAFTA and fast track quite properly protect American investors who invest abroad and protect intellectual property rights, but they do not protect labor and environmental rights. They are imbalanced.

We must have balanced trade agreements that protect not only investments and intellectual property, but also labor and environmental standards if trade is to serve all our people, and if our expanding trade is not to serve as a tool to be used to deny a fair share

of our economic gains from filtering down to working people and to the middle class. Reject the fast track agreement as imbalanced.

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INVESTIGATION OF 1996 PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN

(Mr. TIAHRT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. TIAHRT. Madam Speaker, investigations into crimes that may have been committed during the 1996 Presidential campaign are about a lot more than taking foreign money. They are a lot more than just the effort to secretly get around the rules that everyone else had to follow and then worry about explaining the misdeeds after the election.

No, Madam Speaker, the liberal media attempts to downplay this scandal. These investigations are also about compromising national security, about selling out American foreign policy to the highest bidder and acting in complicity with the Communist Government of China to subvert the democratic process in the United States.

I believe that I am correct, Madam Speaker, that both Democrats and Republicans would agree that these charges are truly alarming. In fact, all Americans who believe in democracy, who believe that America should decide who should rule over America and who believe that secret money laundering operations represent political corruption at its most disgraceful, all believe that we must find out the truth about these scandals. Democracy demands it.

IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE CLARA BOSWELL

(Mrs. CLAYTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. CLAYTON. Madam Speaker, in less than an hour, legions of families and friends will gather in the historic town of Edenton, North Carolina, to mourn the death and celebrate the life of one of my staff members, Clara Boswell. This devoted mother and grandmother and former principal passed suddenly, without notice, on Thursday night.

Clara's life was personified by her two favorite symbols, the butterfly and the hat. While the grief of those who will gather is heavy, I know they will be comforted by acclaiming the life and celebrating the life of Clara.

I am confident she has left a lasting impression on those who came to know her, and the principles that guided her will now serve as guideposts for those she leaves behind. Like the butterfly, she brought a free spirit, bright colors, in every place she functioned. And like the hat, she brought peace and protection to everyone she encountered.

She has been called to rest and to reside in the place of total peace. God's

finger has gently touched her, and she now sleeps. May God comfort and help her family and friends to hold on to treasured yesterdays and to reach out with courage and hope to tomorrow, knowing that their beloved is with God.

Clara has labored long. She served well. She has made a difference. She loved the butterfly. She had a free spirit. Today we put her to rest.

PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE—DISMISSAL OF CONTEST IN 46TH DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Mr. GEPHARDT. Madam Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House, and I send to the desk a privileged resolution (H. Res. 318) pursuant to rule IX and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution as follows:

H. RES. 318

Whereas, the election contest concerning the 46th District of California should be dismissed as there is no credible evidence to show that the outcome of the election is different than the election of Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez.

Whereas, State of California authorities should continue an investigation into any questionable registration activities; and

Whereas, the Committee on House Oversight should examine voter registration procedures; and now therefore be it

Resolved, That the contest in the 46th District of California is dismissed.

THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE (Mrs. EMERSON). The resolution presents a question of the privileges of the House.

MOTION TO TABLE OFFERED BY MR. BOEHNER

Mr. BOEHNER. Madam Speaker, I move to table the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to table offered by the gentleman from Ohio [Mr. BOEHNER].

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Evidently a quorum is not present.

The Sergeant at Arms will notify absent Members.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 218, nays 194, answered “present” 1, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 622]
YEAS—218

Aderholt	Bereuter	Burton
Archer	Bilbray	Buyer
Armey	Bilirakis	Callahan
Bachus	Bliley	Calvert
Baker	Blunt	Camp
Ballenger	Boehlert	Campbell
Barr	Boehner	Canady
Barrett (NE)	Bonilla	Cannon
Bartlett	Brady	Castle
Barton	Bryant	Chabot
Bass	Bunning	Chambliss
Bateman	Burr	Chenoweth

Christensen	Hutchinson	Portman
Coble	Hyde	Pryce (OH)
Coburn	Inglis	Quinn
Collins	Istook	Radanovich
Combest	Jenkins	Ramstad
Cook	Johnson (CT)	Redmond
Cooksey	Johnson, Sam	Regula
Cox	Jones	Riggs
Crane	Kasich	Rogan
Crapo	Kelly	Rogers
Cunningham	Kim	Rohrabacher
Davis (VA)	King (NY)	Ros-Lehtinen
Deal	Kingston	Roukema
DeLay	Knollenberg	Royce
Diaz-Balart	Kolbe	Ryun
Dickey	LaHood	Salmon
Doolittle	Largent	Sanford
Dreier	Latham	Saxton
Duncan	LaTourette	Scarborough
Dunn	Lazio	Schaefer, Dan
Ehlers	Leach	Schaffer, Bob
Ehrlich	Lewis (CA)	Sensenbrenner
Emerson	Lewis (KY)	Sessions
English	Linder	Shadegg
Ensign	Livingston	Shaw
Everett	LoBiondo	Shays
Ewing	Lucas	Shimkus
Fawell	Manzullo	Shuster
Foley	Martinez	Skeen
Fossella	McCollum	Smith (MI)
Fowler	McCrery	Smith (NJ)
Fox	McDade	Smith (OR)
Franks (NJ)	McHugh	Smith (TX)
Frelinghuysen	McInnis	Smith, Linda
Galleghy	McIntosh	Snowbarger
Ganske	McKeon	Solomon
Gekas	Metcalfe	Souder
Gibbons	Mica	Spence
Gilchrist	Miller (FL)	Stump
Gilman	Moran (KS)	Sununu
Goodlatte	Morella	Talent
Goodling	Myrick	Tauzin
Goss	Nethercutt	Thomas
Graham	Neumann	Thornberry
Granger	Ney	Thune
Greenwood	Northup	Tiahrt
Gutknecht	Norwood	Traficant
Hansen	Nussle	Upton
Hastert	Oxley	Walsh
Hastings (WA)	Packard	Watkins
Hayworth	Pappas	Watts (OK)
Hefley	Parker	Weldon (FL)
Herger	Paul	Weldon (PA)
Hill	Paxon	Weller
Hilleary	Pease	White
Hobson	Peterson (PA)	Whitfield
Horn	Petri	Wicker
Hostettler	Pickering	Wolf
Houghton	Pitts	Young (AK)
Hulshof	Pombo	Young (FL)
Hunter	Porter	

NAYS—194

Abercrombie	DeGette	Hefner
Allen	Delahunt	Hilliard
Andrews	DeLauro	Hinchey
Baessler	Dellums	Hinojosa
Baldacci	Deutsch	Holden
Barcia	Dicks	Hooley
Barrett (WI)	Dingell	Hoyer
Becerra	Dixon	Jackson (IL)
Bentsen	Doggett	Jackson-Lee
Berman	Dooley	(TX)
Berry	Doyle	Jefferson
Bishop	Edwards	John
Blagojevich	Engel	Johnson (WI)
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Johnson, E. B.
Bonior	Etheridge	Kanjorski
Borski	Evans	Kaptur
Boswell	Farr	Kennedy (MA)
Boucher	Fattah	Kennedy (RI)
Boyd	Fazio	Kennelly
Brown (CA)	Filner	Kildee
Brown (FL)	Forbes	Kilpatrick
Brown (OH)	Ford	Kind (WI)
Cardin	Frank (MA)	Klink
Carson	Frost	Kucinich
Clay	Furse	LaFalce
Clayton	Gejdenson	Lampson
Clement	Gephardt	Lantos
Clyburn	Goode	Levin
Costello	Gordon	Lewis (GA)
Coyne	Green	Lipinski
Cramer	Gutierrez	Lofgren
Cummings	Hall (OH)	Lowey
Danner	Hall (TX)	Luther
Davis (FL)	Hamilton	Maloney (CT)
Davis (IL)	Harman	Maloney (NY)
DeFazio	Hastings (FL)	Manton

Markay	Pascrell	Smith, Adam
Mascara	Pastor	Snyder
Matsui	Payne	Spratt
McCarthy (MO)	Pelosi	Stabenow
McCarthy (NY)	Peterson (MN)	Stark
McGovern	Pickett	Stenholm
McHale	Pomeroy	Strickland
McIntyre	Poshard	Stupak
McKinney	Price (NC)	Tanner
McNulty	Rahall	Tauscher
Meehan	Rangel	Taylor (MS)
Meek	Reyes	Thompson
Menendez	Rivers	Thurman
Millender	Rodriguez	Tierney
McDonald	Roemer	Torres
Miller (CA)	Rothman	Towns
Minge	Roybal-Allard	Turner
Mink	Rush	Velazquez
Moakley	Sabo	Vento
Mollohan	Sanchez	Visclosky
Moran (VA)	Sanders	Waters
Murtha	Sandlin	Watt (NC)
Nadler	Sawyer	Waxman
Neal	Scott	Wexler
Oberstar	Serrano	Weygand
Obey	Sherman	Wise
Olver	Sisisky	Woolsey
Ortiz	Skaggs	Wynn
Owens	Skelton	
Pallone	Slaughter	

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

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NOT VOTING—20

Ackerman	Gillmor	Schiff
Bono	Gonzalez	Schumer
Condit	Hoekstra	Stearns
Conyers	Klecza	Stokes
Cubin	Klug	Taylor (NC)
Flake	McDermott	Yates
Foglietta	Riley	

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Ms. PELOSI and Mr. MURTHA changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Mr. SHAYS and Mr. MCDADE changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to table was agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

CORRECTION OF ANNOUNCEMENT OF LEGISLATION TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER SUSPENSION OF THE RULES TODAY

Mr. BEREUTER. Madam Speaker, earlier today when announcing motions to suspend the rules, an incorrect number was announced for the adoption bill. The correct number is H.R. 867, not H.R. 861.

RADIO FREE ASIA ACT OF 1997

Mr. ROYCE. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 302 and as the designee of the chairman of the Committee on Internal Relations, I call up the bill (H.R. 2232) to provide for increased international broadcasting activities to China, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. EMERSON). The bill is considered read for amendment.

The text of H.R. 2232 is as follows:

H.R. 2232

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,